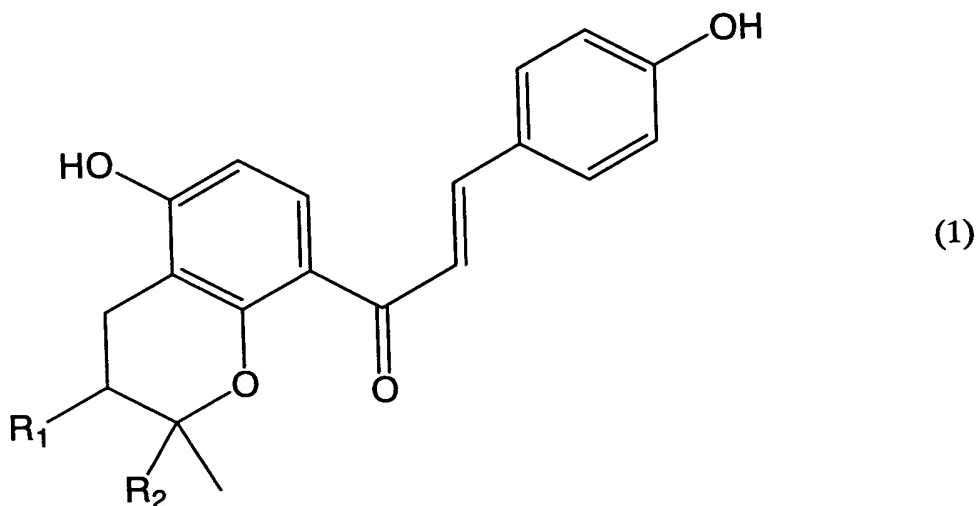


CLAIMS

1. A compound represented by the following general formula (1):



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wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are taken together with the carbon atom to which they are bound, respectively, to form a hydroxydimethyl cyclohexane ring, or where  $R_1$  is a hydroxyl group,  $R_2$  is an isohexenyl group, a derivative thereof, or a salt thereof.

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2. A therapeutic agent or prophylactic agent for a disease sensitive to the compound as defined in claim 1, characterized in that the agent comprises the compound as an effective ingredient.

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3. The therapeutic agent or prophylactic agent according to claim 2, wherein the disease sensitive to the compound is a disease requiring neuronal protection,

suppression for nitrogen monoxide (NO) production, inhibition for aldose reductase or suppression for interleukin production for the treatment or prevention.

- 5        4.        A neuronal protection agent, a suppressive agent for NO production, an inhibitory agent for aldose reductase or a suppressive agent for interleukin production, characterized in that the agent comprises the compound as defined in claim 1 as an effective ingredient.
- 10       5.        A food, beverage or feed for treatment or prevention of a disease requiring neuronal protection, suppression for nitrogen monoxide (NO) production, inhibition for aldose reductase or suppression for interleukin production, characterized in that the food, beverage or feed comprises the compound as defined in claim 1 as an effective ingredient.